

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Shilin Chen
Filing Date: January 28, 2004
Title: FORCE-BALANCED ROLLER-CONE BITS, SYSTEMS,
DRILLING METHODS, AND DESIGN METHODS

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

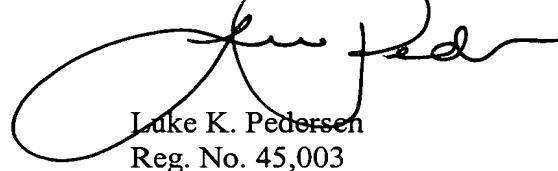
Applicant respectfully requests, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, that the references listed on the attached PTO-1449 form, and previously cited in U.S. Application Serial No. 10/383,805 by Applicant and entitled "Force-Balanced Roller-Cone Bits, Systems, Drilling Methods, and Design Methods," be considered and cited in the examination of the above-identified continuation patent application. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d), copies of these references are not being furnished. Furthermore, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(h), no representation is made that these references qualify as prior art or that these references are material to the patentability of the present application.

Also, pursuant to Manual of Patent Examining Procedures § 2001.06(c), Applicant submits that the subject matter of the instant Application is involved in Civil Action No. 4-02CV269 in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Texas, Sherman Division, styled *Halliburton Energy Services, Inc. v. Smith International, Inc.* (the "Litigation"). The attached PTO-1449 form includes documents relating to the Litigation. As stated above, Applicant requests that such documents be considered and cited in the examination of the above-identified patent application. Furthermore, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(h), no representation is made that these references qualify as prior art or that these references are material to the patentability of the present application.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b), no fee is believed due. If, however, Applicant has overlooked the need for a fee, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any underpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-2148 of Baker Botts L.L.P.

Respectfully submitted,

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C		2,122,759	07/05/1938	F.L. Scott	255	71	07/16/1936
D		2,132,498	10/11/1938	H.C. Smith	255	71	07/22/1936
E		2,165,584	07/11/1939	H.C. Smith et al.	255	71	07/22/1936
F		2,230,569	02/04/1941	J.H. Howard et al	255	71	12/20/1939
G		2,496,421	02/07/1950	J.C. Stokes	255	71	05/07/1946
H		2,728,559	12/27/1955	E.G. Boice et al.	255	334	12/10/1951
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J		4,187,922	02/12/1980	Phelps	175	374	05/12/1978
K		4,334,586	06/15/1982	Schumacher	175	374	06/05/1980
L		4,343,371	08/10/1982	Baker III, et al	175	329	04/28/1980
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O		4,427,081	01/24/1984	Crawford	175	376	01/19/1982
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	Y	5,137,097	08/11/1992	Fernandez	175	228	10/30/1990
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	AB	5,311,958	05/17/1994	Isbell et al	175	341	09/23/1992
	AC	5,318,136	06/07/1994	Rowsell et al	175	24	03/06/1991
	AD	5,341,890	08/30/1994	Cowthorne et al	175	374	01/08/1993
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	AF	5,372,210	12/13/1994	Harrell	175	431	10/12/1993
	AG	5,394,952	03/07/1995	Johns et al	175	332	08/24/1993
	AH	5,415,030	05/16/1995	Jogi et al.	73	151	04/08/1994
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	AW	5,794,720	08/18/1998	Smith et al	175	40	03/25/1996
	AX	5,812,068	09/22/1998	Wisler et al	340	855.5	12/12/1995
	AY	5,813,480	09/29/1998	Zaleski, Jr., et al	175	40	12/03/1996
	AZ	5,813,485	09/29/1998	Portwood	175	430	06/21/1996
	BA	5,839,526	11/24/1998	Cisneros, et al.	175	431	04/04/1997
	BB	6,002,985	12/14/1999	Stephenson	702	13	05/06/1997
	BC	6,012,015	01/04/2000	Tubel	702	6	09/18/1997
	BD	6,021,377	02/01/2000	Dubinsky et al	702	9	10/23/1996
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	BT	Plaintiff's Original Complaint for Patent Infringement and Jury Demand, filed September 6, 2002 in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Texas, Sherman Division, Civil Action No. 4-02CV269, <i>Halliburton Energy Services, Inc. v. Smith International, Inc.</i> , 4 pages	09/06/2002
	BU	Answer and Counterclaim of Smith International, filed March 14, 2003, in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Texas, Sherman Division, Civil Action No. 4-02CV269, <i>Halliburton Energy Services, Inc. v. Smith International, Inc.</i> , 6 pages	03/14/2003
	BV	Response of Plaintiff and Counterclaim Defendant to Defendant's Counterclaim of Declaratory Judgment, filed April 3, 2003, in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Texas, Sherman Division, Civil Action No. 4-02CV269, <i>Halliburton Energy Services, Inc. v. Smith International, Inc.</i> , 3 pages	04/03/2003
	BW	First Amended Answer and Counterclaim of Smith International, filed October 9, 2003, in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Texas, Sherman Division, Civil Action No. 4-02CV269, <i>Halliburton Energy Services, Inc. v. Smith International, Inc.</i> , 8 pages	10/09/2003

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